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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON VP BAGHIR

1. KHARTOUM PRESS JAN 15 PROMINENTLY REPORTS PREVIOUS DAY'S CALL BY AMBASSADOR ON FIRST VP BAGHIR, ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOS IN BOTH ARABIC DAILIES. STORIES SAY THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WERE DISCUSSED. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLES, WHICH WERE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL, AMBASSADOR NOTED CLEAR IMPROVEMENT IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND SAID THAT POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT HAD NOW BECOME FAVORABLE FOR JOINT ACTION. BAGHIR REPORTEDLY THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR US \$11 MILLION EQUIPMENT CONTRIBUTION TO RAHAD PROJECT AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR MORE JOINT COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND SUDAN.

2. COMMENT: REPORT OF COURSE HIGHLY IMAGINATIVE SUDANESE PRODUCT (SEE PARA 8, KHARTOUM 139). STORY IS BOUND TO START TONGUES WAGGING IN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. WHAT IS PERHAPS MOST INTERESTING IS RENEWED EVIDENCE (SEE KHARTOUM 18) OF GOS DETERMINATION BROADCAST ITS TIES WITH US. BREWER

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